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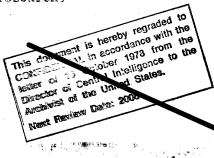
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SUPPLEMENT

In November 1946, about a dozen geologists of the Reichsanstalt für Bodenforschung in Berlin (Russian Sector) were dismissed without formality and forty-five others were notified that they would be discharged in the near future. Many of them were well known geologists. Only ten young geologists, without scientific reputations, are said to remain. This was believed by the discharged men to be a Soviet move which eventually would oblige them to volunteer for work in the USSR, since, they say, there is no scarcity of geologists in the other zones of Germany.

According to this source, Russian agents in other zones are busy recruiting goologists, most of whom are reported to be inclined to accept Soviet offers rather than lese their present posts through denazification proceedings.

In Leipzig, Professor Rudolf Heinz, geologist and director of the Geological Enstitute of Leipzig University, has volunteered for work in Russia and has drawn up a list of other Germans in this field whom he wishes to accompany him. According to statements made by Heinz, such goologists will work within the framework of atomic research.



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